

Poised to Accelerate our Transformation as a Global Leader in Healthy and Organic Foods



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# 2016 Analyst Day Objectives

- I. Gain a better understanding of SunOpta and where we are today
- II. Clearly lay out where we are going for the next 24-36 months
- III. Learn how innovation is a key element of our strategies and future

During today's presentation, we will not be discussing or answering any questions in regards to Q1 financial results or performance.

## **Agenda**

- I. Introductions
- II. Management presentations

Rik Jacobs - SunOpta's Transformation President and Chief Executive Officer

John Ruelle - Global Ingredients Senior Vice President, RMSS, Healthy Snacks

Joe Davidson - Healthy Beverages Senior Vice President, Healthy Beverages

Mark Murai - Healthy Fruit

Vice President, International and Field Operations | Sunrise Growers, Inc.

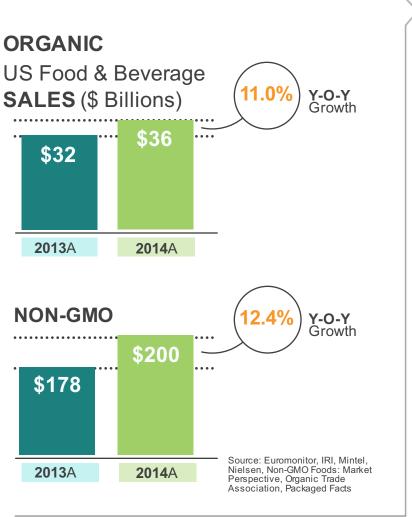
John Ruelle - Healthy Snacks

Rob McKeracher - Financial Overview Chief Financial Officer

#### III. Concluding items



# We Operate in Growing non-GMO and Organic Markets









Well positioned to take advantage of a vibrant and growing marketplace

Optimized portfolio, reorganized teams and integrated platforms



Scalable operations in key product categories supported by an innovation pipeline



Focused on execution, filling new capacity and achieving operational excellence



Strategies are in place but our near term margin issues will not be solved in a quarter



# The Key to "Fix" our Business is Excelution

With Customers and Employees, Keeping an Eye on Costs

#### **CUSTOMERS**

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# More Than 35 Acquisitions Since 1999

But Integration Only Started 18 Months Ago













Your Natural Choice



























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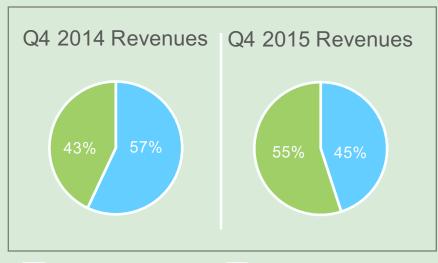
## **Transformative Year in 2015**

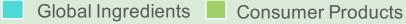
## Three Acquisitions in Consumer Product Business













## **Now Three Clear CPG Platforms**

Supported By Sourcing and Selling Raw Materials and Ingredients

Healthy Beverages	Healthy Fruit	Healthy Snacks
Aseptic non-dairy, low acid beverages	IQF fruit for retail	Fruit-based snacks
Chilled juice	IQF fruit and purees for foodservice	Roasted snacks
Shelf stable juice	Fruit-based ingredients	Nutritional bars
Functional waters		Pouches

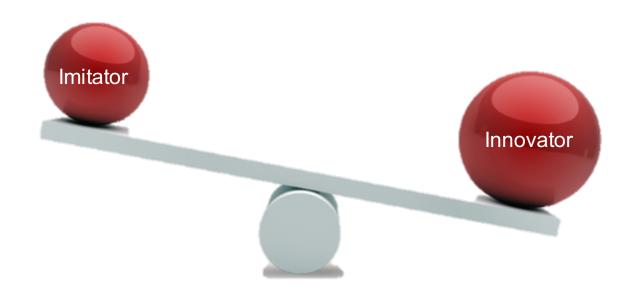
Sourcing and supply of non-GMO and organic fruit, seeds, nuts, grains, sweeteners, cocoa, coffee as raw materials and processed ingredients



# **Private Label/Store Brands Innovation Key**

To Grow our Categories in Natural and Organic







## **Our Playbook**

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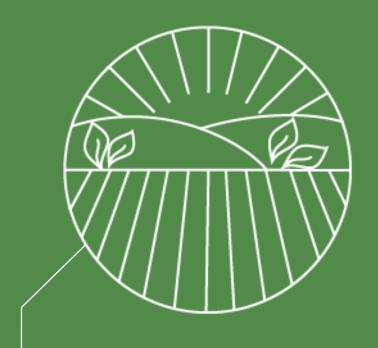
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## For the Rest of the Presentation...

- Insight into SunOpta's category leadership in Global Ingredients, Healthy Beverages, Healthy Fruit and Healthy Snacks
  - Category trends and how SunOpta expects to profit from these trends
- Analysis of SunOpta's mid-term (24 to 36 month) financial targets
  - P&L and balance sheet
- Recap of SunOpta's playbook, focus on excelution and key priorities
- Innovation Center tour and how R&D helps grow revenue, reduce costs and strengthen customer relationships





# Global Ingredients

# Delivering Global Supply Chain Expertise and Operational Integrity











#### A global supply chain

SunOpta has gone to the ends of the Earth to create a unique, highly efficient global supply chain. We connect all of our 5,000 farms straight to you, quickly, smoothly and affordably, ensuring quality feed ingredients while maintaining an uninterrupted supply.

#### Efficient transload locations

Part of making certain our shipping network is always operating at peak efficiency and with the lowest possible carbon footprint, we've selected several major U.S. ports that allow for the most cost-effective rail and road deliveries to all of our customers.

At SunOpta, we've developed highly efficient global supply chain capabilities by cooperating with farms in some of the most highly productive regions to deliver the lowest landed cost to your door.

#### Trace nutrition straight to its source

We understand how important it is for organic and non-GMO food producers and consumers to be able to track their food back to its source. Our TIP\*\* (Traceability Integrity Program) makes it possible to follow every grain and oil seed straight back to it's origin, ensuring maximum quality in every shipment.

## Do you know your supply chain quality?

SunOpta's uninterrupted supply chain guarantees product integrity by allowing you to track our products back to their point of origin, all while helping to meet an ever-growing demand of safe and high-quality food.

### Top certification, peak nutrition, bright future

SunOpta has earned the world's top safety and nutrition certifications thanks to our internal and external verification systems, ensuring producers they're choosing the highest quality organic, non-GMO feed available.

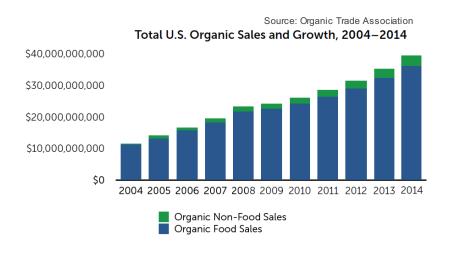
- . USDA Organic Certification
- 3rd Party Quality Systems Audits
- TIP™ (Traceability Integrity Program)
   SunOpta's traceability program





# **Category Overview: Global Ingredients**

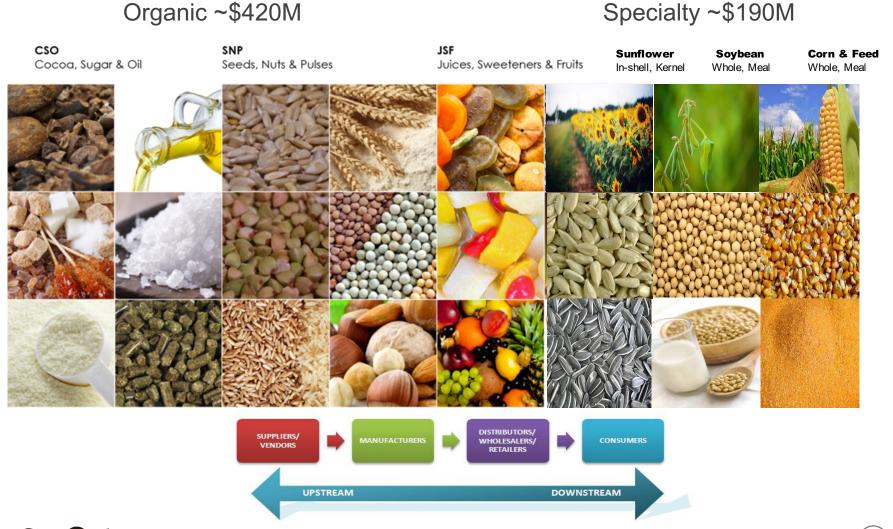
- US organic category sales growth to >\$39B
- 14% increase from 2014
- Projected to continue at this pace through 2018
- Access to supply is critical





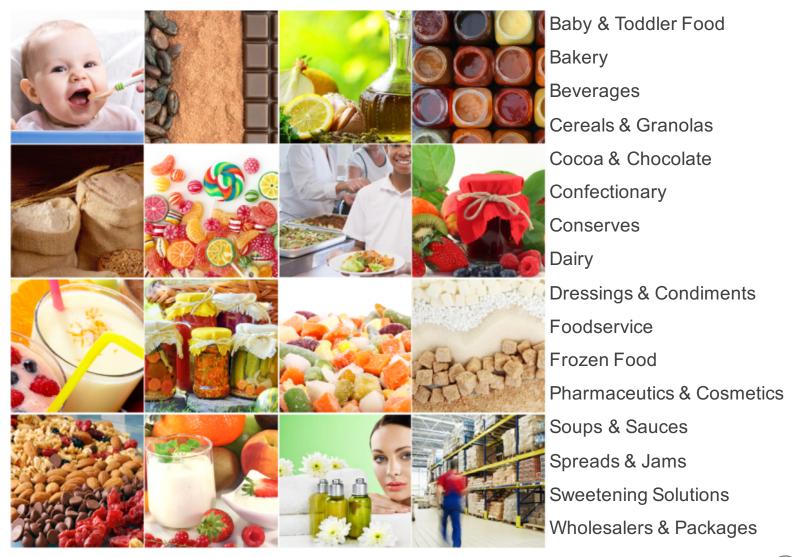


## Six Product Desks > \$600M External Sales





# **Serving 16 Industry Categories**





# Category Overview: GI Products & Customers

## Representative Customers







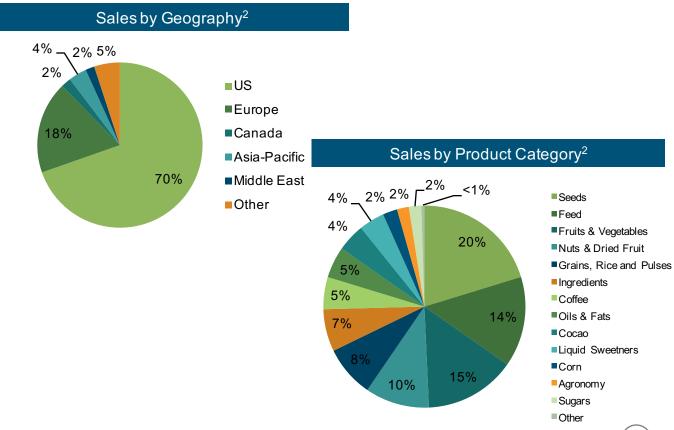








- SunOpta has one of the largest organic raw material ingredient sourcing and supply networks in the world<sup>1</sup>
- Very diverse customer base across numerous categories globally: largest customer represents < 3% of revenue</li>





Based on management estimates

<sup>2.</sup> Segmentation by product category and geography charts based on management estimates of current sales trends

# **Global Sourcing Projects**





# Global Ingredients Recent Performance & Strategic Initiatives





- First U.S. company non-GMO PVP certified
- Launching new ingredient programs (e.g. ginger, oat)
  - Two-touch integrated supply chains are key
  - Capabilities should leverage multiple categories
- Critical in helping launch new CPG products
  - Organic in-shell and kernel sunflower
  - Chickpea and fava bean roasted snacks
  - Supply chains for high-protein and high-fiber snacks
- Access to supply is key and we have built up the supply chains
- Realigning domestic business in response to strong U.S. Dollar











# Healthy Beverages

# **Healthy Beverages Overview**

Product Offering			Sounds Sounds Sounds			JUICE	CSSGna		with.
	Non-dairy Aseptic	As	septic Teas	Aseptic Broths		Refrigerated remium Juices	Shelf-s Bever		Functional Waters
Competitive Positioning / Strengths	Leading position non-dairy asep beverages			apacity of approx. 10	M	Vertically Integrated producer		Leading organic orange juice manufacturer in North America; 15% of private label orange juice	
Representative Customers	DIAMOND CELESTIAL COSTCO WHOLESALE								
	3 Aseptic Plants			3 Extraction Plants		1 Pla	1 Plant & 2 Co-Pack Locations		
Facilities	Modesto, CA Alexandria, MN Allentown, PA				Modesto, CA Alexandria, MN Heuvelton, NY			San Bernardino, CA Stockton, CA Fort Pierce, FL	

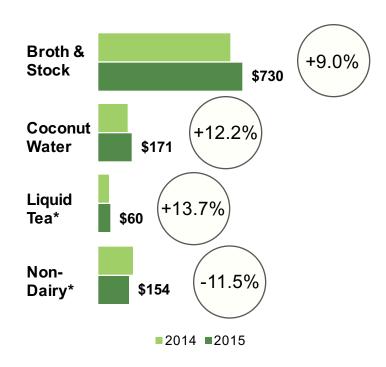


# **Category Overview: Aseptic**

- Key to success in the aseptic category space is taking share in non-dairy and continuing to expand in fast growing categories
  - Focus categories represent \$1.1Bn addressable market
  - Key categories grew 6.3% overall in 2015 with many exhibiting strong double digit growth



#### Key Focus Categories (\$ Millions)



Source: Nielsen, Total US XAOC. Latest 52 weeks ending 2/13/16 \*Largest customers not included in Nielsen



# Aseptic: Strategic Initiatives and Recent Highlights



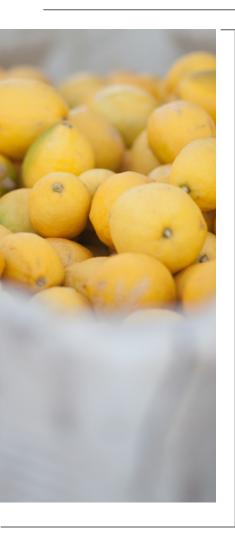
### **Strategic Initiatives**

- · Increasing facility utilization
  - Use our national footprint to take share
  - Innovate using control brands
  - Expand presence in other growing categories
- Lower conversion cost per case and maximize production mix

### Recent Highlights

- Signed multi-year contracts with two leading national customers
- Start up in Allentown with leading organic brand
- Testing non-dairy shelf-stable with fastest growing retailer
- Innovating on new non-dairy beverages (Lovers Line, Oat-milk)
- Expanding and innovating on broth offerings

# **Category Overview: Premium Juice**



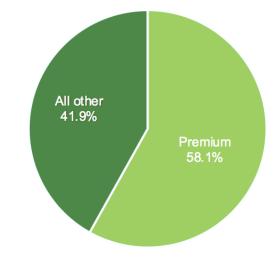
- Refrigerated Juice is a \$5.5 billion category and growing 1.4%
- Premium Juice is 58.1% share of the Refrigerated Juice category and a \$3.2B category (+0.1% vs YAG)
- Consumers are looking for no-sugar added claims on juices, with 70% of consumers paying attention to sugar as an ingredient

**DOLLAR SHARE BY SEGMENT** 

#### **Segment Dollar Sales:**

• Premium: \$3.2B, +0.1% vs YA

All Other: \$2.3B, +3.3%% vs YA



# Premium Juice: Strategic Initiatives and Recent Highlights

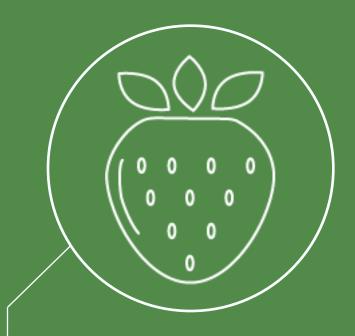


### **Strategic Initiatives**

- Sell raw juice as ingredient into fast-growing super premium segment [HPP]
- Expand presence in private label organic and NFC orange juice market
- Expand beyond orange juice with innovative two-touch adult juice beverages

#### **Recent Highlights**

- Testing raw lemon and orange juice to be used as an ingredient in multiple applications
- Secured new leading retail and club customer for NFC orange juice
- Two-touch mango orange, ginger lemonade and lowsugar lemonade launched with retail partner



# Healthy Fruit

# **Healthy Fruit Overview**

**Product Offering** Custom fruit preparations Formulated fruit solutions for IQF fruit for retail for industrial use foodservice Competitive Extensive Aligned with industry Category management Positioning / Low-cost supply chain access to supply leading customers approach **Strengths** Walmart > CHOBANI Representative **Customers** Santa Maria, CA Oxnard, CA (two facilities) **Facilities** South Gate, CA Kansas City, KS Jacona, Michoacán, Mexico



# **Category Overview: Healthy Fruit**

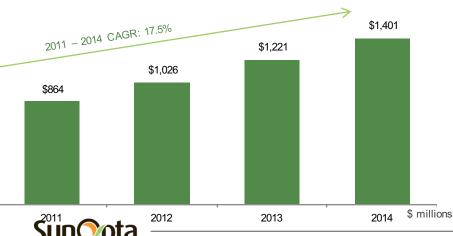
Best-In-Class-Profile				
22%	Market leading position in private label frozen fruit			
10+ Year	Relationships with each top 10 customer			
6	Strategically located manufacturing facilities			
\$411M	2015 pro-forma sales			

#### **Category Profile**

Rapidly growing, on-trend food category

Household penetration only 30% for frozen fruits (compared to 89% for frozen vegetables)

#### U.S. Frozen Fruit Retail Sales



Consumers using frozen fruit in new and varying ways

## **Highly Favorable Private Label Trends**

#### Consumers pay less while retailers realize better margins

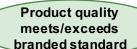
- Consumers prefer private label to branded frozen fruit given pricing advantages in addition to no differences in quality, packaging, and assortment
- 66% of the frozen fruit category is private label (1)
- · Provide retailers margin advantages over branded product
- Private label pricing centers on an everyday low price position, eliminating the need for promotional discounting (2)











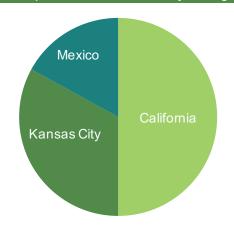
**Lower Price Point** 

Higher Retailer Margin

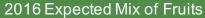


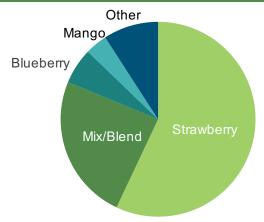
# **Supply Chain Snapshot**

#### 2016 Expected Production by Geography



- Optimized network of six facilities
- Significant distribution efficiencies
- Recently expanded processing capabilities





- Diversified global sourcing platform
- Handle over 250M lbs annually
- Full line of fruit varieties
  - 24 fruit types
  - ~10% organic and growing



# Strategic Initiatives and Recent Highlights

### **Strategic Initiatives**

- Capturing \$5M \$7M in synergies in 2016
- Expansion in Central Mexico and Kansas City
- Tapping into SunOpta's existing international sourcing network
- Process innovation
  - Optical sorting, automated handling
- Adding mango and blackberry production

### **Recent Highlights**

- Closure of facility in Buena Park on track
- Customer set maintained and contracted post acquisition
- Investments prior to close are living up to expectations







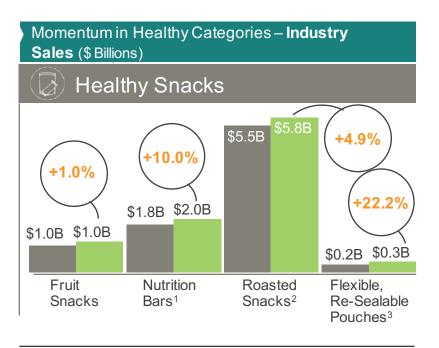
# Healthy Snacks

# **Healthy Snacks Overview**

Product Offering	Fruit Snacks	Nutritional Bars	Suprover	Pouches		
Competitive Positioning / Strengths	Leading position in premium healthy fruit snacks	Competitive non-GMO and organic production capabilities	At forefront of innovation within the healthy snack sector	National footprint in fruit snacks and pouches		
Representative Customers	Clume organics Walmart > Commanda Chia Seed voor soul					
Equilities	Fruit snack processing, warehouse and distribution	Nutrition bar processing, warehouse and distribution	Fruit snack processing, warehouse and distribution	Pouches and aseptic processing and packaging		
Facilities	Omak, WA	Carson City, NV	Niagara, ON	Allentown, PA Sanger, California		



# **Category Overview: Healthy Snacks**





Source: Nielsen XAOC (Note: In \$ bn. Current as of July 4, 2015)

- 1. As of January 17, 2015
- 2. As of September 27, 2014
- 3. Baby food puree category

### Top Ten Trends

- 1. Organic growth for clear label
- 2. Free from for all
- 3. The "flexitarian" effect
- 4. Processing the natural way
- 5. Green light for vegetables
- 6. Creating a "real" link
- 7. Small players big ideas
- 8. Beyond the athlete
- 9. The indulgence alibi
- 10. Tastes for new experiences

Source: Innova Market Insight



# **Competitive Positioning: Healthy Snacks**

Uniquely positioned assets combined with a strategic supply chain and innovation resources sets SunOpta apart from other category participants

#### **Barriers to entry**

- Multi-year agreements with category leaders
- Global supply chain for specialty ingredients
- Significant capital investments in capabilities
- Turn-key solutions for retailers and food service

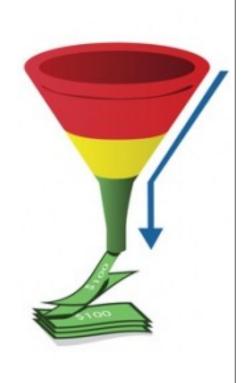
#### **Bi-Coastal production = lowest landed cost**

- · Premium fruit snacks
- Pouch
- Category driven by innovation





# Strategic Initiatives and Recent Highlights



- Two major new product launches in Q2
  - Private label chickpeas
  - Disruptive bar superfood/ancient grain
- OptaCore helping retailers stay on trend and ahead of the curve
  - Category management with control brands
  - Value-based pricing
  - Leverage innovation
  - Expected to drive further turn-key opportunities with retailers
- Potential to grow snack business by ~\$50M to \$65M over the mid-term with existing platform





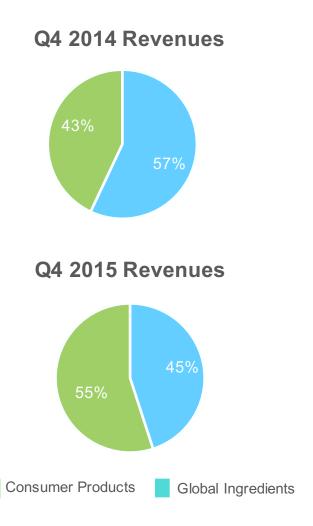
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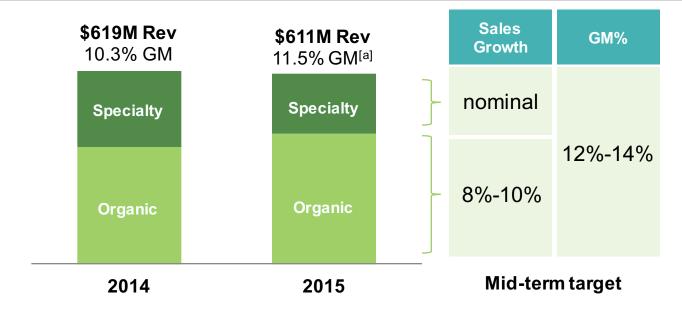
- 1. Mid-term (24 to 36 month) growth profile and margin expansion targets
- 2. Detail on debt capital structure
  - Global ABL
  - 。 2<sup>nd</sup> Lien Loan
  - Leverage reduction targets





# **Global Ingredients**





#### Priorities to achieve targets:

- 1. Continue to develop new sources of supply to support growth (internal and external)
- 2. Increase "two-touch" internal sourcing for CPG
- 3. Mix shift towards more organic

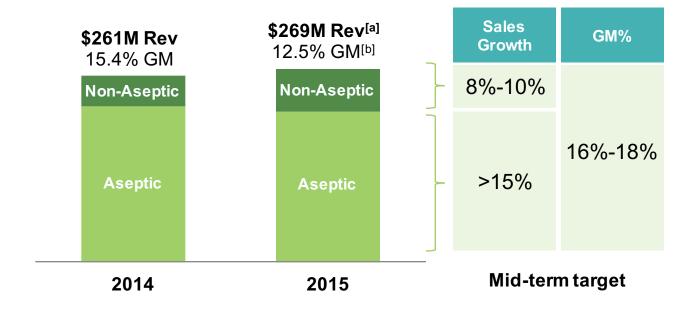
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# **Consumer Products**

#### Healthy Beverages





#### Priorities to achieve targets:

- 1. Innovation and winning market share in aseptic
- 2. Increasing utilization to ~85% driving plant efficiency
- 3. Re-enter juice extraction market to increase facility utilization (bottling and extraction)

[a] includes revenue from Citrusource from March 2, 2015

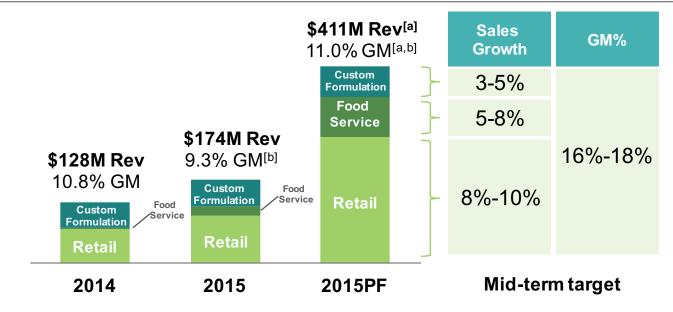
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# **Consumer Products**

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- Ensure availability and integrity of supply
- 2. Innovation in processing and packaging
- 3. Maintain alignment with fastest growing customers across every channel
- 4. Capture cost synergies

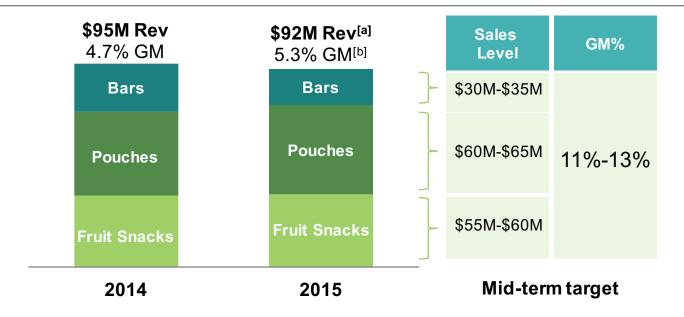
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- New platform leadership and go-to-market strategy
- 2. Accelerate growth through innovation
- Improve utilization and margins by reducing customization

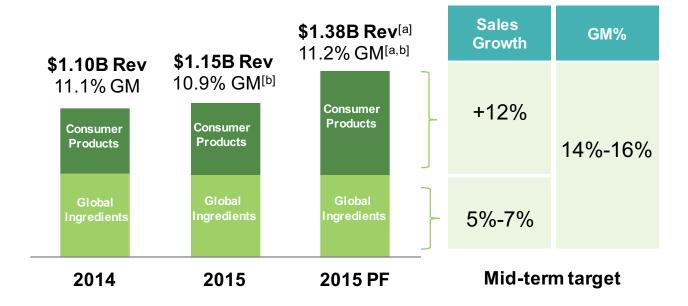
[a] includes revenue from Niagara Natural from August 12, 2015

[b] adjusted by \$1.5 million to account for downtime, spoilage and other costs due to equipment failure



# **Consolidated Business**





- SG&A target at or below 8.0% of sales
- D&A and stock comp est. \$34 \$38m (~2.5% PF sales)

**Execution** 

**Achieve Targets** 

Shareholder Value

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# Capital Structure is Secured

1. Global Asset-Based Credit Facility

2. Second Lien Loan

3. Focus on Leverage Reduction

# **Global Asset-Based Credit Facility**

- Committed financing matures on February 11, 2021
- Ability to increase total commitment to \$450.0 million to accommodate growth
- New entrants to lending group that cover the company's global footprint

5 YEAR \$350M **COVENANTS** AND **FACILITY CAPABILITIES INCREASED** CAPACITY, LOWER RATES, **FLEXIBILITY** 

- Expanded borrowing capacity on asset base
- Interest rate ~50 bps lower than previous NA facility
- Enhanced flexibility to shift collateral between jurisdictions, supporting our two-touch model

- Incurrence only (no maintenance covenants. subject to excess availability)
- · Ability to draw on ABL to repay 2<sup>nd</sup> lien debt, subject to certain availability and other requirements



### **Second Lien Loan**

- Commitment agreed to with Underwriters ahead of Sunrise acquisition
- Interest rate is capped for any takeout financing at 9.50%
- Presently in \$320 million 2<sup>nd</sup> Lien Bridge Loan, 1-year term, with rates starting at L+ 600 bps (Libor Floor of 1.0%). Step up 50 bps per quarter.

COMMITTED
FINANCING WITH
CAPPED INTEREST
RATE

EXPECTED FEATURES OF EVENTUAL BONDS

REPLACE WITH 7-YEAR BONDS, OR EXCHANGE AFTER 1 YR

 If 2<sup>nd</sup> Lien Loan not re-financed after 1 year, automatic exchange for long-term debt (maturing 2022) on terms similar to original HY indenture

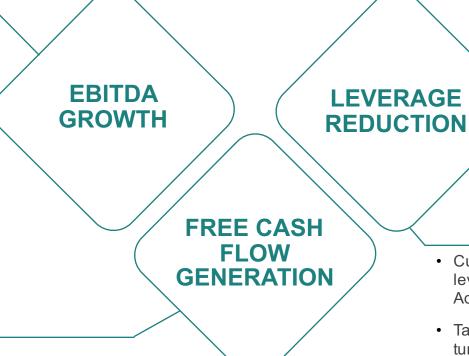
- Notes are expected to contain customary terms, covenants and redemption features for secured High Yield Notes
- Expected to include certain restrictions on the company's ability to incur additional indebtedness, make restricted payments and incur liens on certain assets.



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# Focus on Leverage Reduction

 Execution against mid-term targets designed to deliver topline growth and expansion of EBITDA to 8.5-10.5% of sales



- EBITDA > annual cash demands:
- CAPEX ~\$25m (maintenance \$10-12m)
- Cash interest \$31-33m
- Tax rate ~32% (mostly cash beyond 2016)
- Working capital growth < revenue growth</li>

- Currently approx. 5.0x levered based on PF Adjusted EBITDA.
- Targeting approx. one turn per year leverage reduction.
- Ability to influence variables to manage leverage (capex, working capital, SG&A)





# Strategy Recap



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# **Our Key Priorities**

CPG Margin Improvement % + \$

#### **Battle Plan KPI's**

# 1. Inventory Turns 2. Facility Complaints











Goal is to Improve Q-over-Q and Year-Over-Year

# **Thank You for Attending**



- That concludes our webcast for today
- Lunch and Innovation Center tour for those in Edina
- For any additional questions, contact rob.litt@sunopta.com



Bringing well-being to life